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1. AS STATED PARA 3 REF B DIAMOND BUSINESS IN LIBERIA IS LOOKED UPON AS AN AREA OF MUCH WHEELING AND DEALING, A GOOD DEAL OF IT ON THE MARGINS OF LEGALITY, BY SHADOWY CHARACTERS OF DUBIOUS REPUTATION. IN ADDITION, EMB HAS BEEN TRYING TO ASSIST LOCAL BUSINESSMAN FROM WHOM BILGORE PURCHASED EQUIPMENT IN PERSUADING LATTER HONOR \$4,000 CHECK (DATED MARCH 31, 1973) ACCEPTED IN PAYMENT FOR THAT EQUIPMENT. CHECK HAS BEEN RETURNED BY U.S. BANK MARKED "INSUFFICIENT FUNDS". IN VIEW OF THESE FACTORS, EMB BELEIVES MEETING UPON ARRIVAL OF BILGORE BY EMBOFF MIGHT IMPLY MORE ENDORSEMENT AND SUPPORT FOR HIM THAN WE BELIEVE ADVISABLE.

2. EMB WILLING HOWEVER ASK PAN AM REPS AT ROBERTSFIELD MEET AND ADVISE EMB PROMPTLY IF ANY DIFFICULTIES ENCOUNTERED UPON ARRIVAL, IN WHICH CASE ALL APPROPRIATE CONSULAR ASSISTANCE WOULD BE IMMEDIATELY RENDERED.
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